

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

(By Delegate Manchin)

Requesting the Legislative Auditor to conduct an efficiencies and effectiveness audit of public education in the State of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, Public education is the primary method by which the majority of our state's children are educated; and

WHEREAS, Public education is the foundation upon which our children learn and grow into becoming productive adult citizens involved in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Public education offers our children a forum of diversity where ideas may flourish and a protected environment in which to explore the world; and

WHEREAS, Public education is the primary learning center in which our children acquire the formative core knowledge and the fundamental skills in order to succeed in their chosen occupations and professions later in life; and

WHEREAS, Public education is the key not only to our children's future, but is also essential in maintaining a vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, said, "A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a

1 free people" public education is essential in order to preserve our
2 freedom; and

3 WHEREAS, Public education is one of the first considerations of
4 businesses looking to open operations in a state and individuals
5 seeking to relocate their families to that state and is essential
6 in maintaining a vibrant economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Public education is the single greatest bulwark
8 against tyranny, crime, and societal degradation. Educated youth
9 mean less out-of-marriage births, lower crime rates, a competent
10 workforce, and individuals who take responsibility for their
11 actions rather than becoming wards of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, Much of the public education and its facilities in
13 this state has not been reviewed from a proficiency standpoint;
14 therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That the Legislative Auditor conduct an efficiencies and
17 effectiveness audit of public education in the State of West
18 Virginia; and, be it

19 *Further Resolved,* That the Legislative Auditor report to the
20 regular session of the Legislature, 2012, on its findings,
21 conclusions and recommendations; and, be it

22 *Further Resolved,* That the expenses necessary to conduct this
23 audit, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
24 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on

1 Government and Finance.